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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SALVAGE

DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING SALVAGE OF SS PRESIDENT
COOLIDGE. THE LETTER IS DATED AUGUST 20, 1976. QUOTE:

THIS RESPONDS TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 3, 1976, CONCERNING
SALVAGE OF THE WRECK OF THE SS PRESIDENT COOLIDGE WHICH
SUNK OFF THE ISLAND OF ESPIRITU SANTO. YOUR LETTER STATES
THAT IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE SALVAGE OPERATIONS, THE
BRITISH AND FRENCH RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS IN THE NEW
HEBRIDES HAVE REQUESTED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO
RELINQUISH TITLE TO METALLIC BALLAST ON THE SUNKEN SHIP,
TITLE TO THE BALLAST HAD BEEN RETAINED BY THE UNITES STATES
UNDER THE ORIGINAL SHIP SALES CONTRACT.

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RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE FAIL TO INDICATE THE

PRESENCE OF LEAD OR OTHER METALLIC BALLAST ON THE WRECK OF
THE SUNKEN SS PRESIDENT COOLIDGE. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO
FACILITATE SALVAGE OPERATIONS, THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
HEREBY RELINQUISHES TITLE TO AND WAIVES AND AND ALL RIGHTS
AND INTEREST IT HAS IN THE METALLIC BALLAST WHICH MAY BE

FOUND ABOARD THE WRECK OF THE SUNKEN SS PRESIDENT
COOLIDGE. SINCERELY, BURT KYLE, DIRECTOR, OFFICE
OF DOMESTIC SHIPPING. END QUOTE.

COPY OF LETTER AIR MAILED TO EMBASSY. YOU MAY INFORM
NEW HEBRIDES AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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